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# **December 2001 Labour Force Selected Summary Tables Australia**

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**TABLE 1. LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER: STATISTICAL REGIONS(a) BY SEX, DECEMBER 2001(b)**

	Males				Females				Persons			
	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partici- pation rate	Employed	Unemp- loyed - '000 -	Unemp- loyment rate - per cent -	Partici- pation rate
NEW SOUTH WALES												
NEW SOUTH WALES	1,739.9	109.5	5.9	71.7	1,354.9	90.6	6.3	54.5	3,094.7	200.1	6.1	63.0
Sydney Major Statistical Region	1,158.9	64.1	5.2	74.4	908.4	47.9	5.0	56.4	2,067.3	112.0	5.1	65.3
Inner Sydney and Inner Western Sydney Statistical Regions	140.0	5.8	3.9	74.8	115.9	4.8	4.0	63.2	255.9	10.5	3.9	69.0
Inner Sydney Statistical Region	92.7	* 3.7	* 3.8	76.6	75.9	* 2.1	* 2.7	66.1	168.6	5.7	3.3	71.5
Eastern Suburbs Statistical Region	69.8	4.2	5.6	79.6	61.9	4.2	6.4	66.8	131.7	8.4	6.0	73.0
St. George-Sutherland Statistical Region	125.5	5.2	4.0	74.4	95.0	3.7	3.8	58.4	220.5	8.9	3.9	66.6
Canterbury-Bankstown Statistical Region	71.6	5.8	7.5	60.7	53.2	4.2	7.3	44.2	124.8	10.0	7.4	52.4
Fairfield-Liverpool and Outer South Western Sydney Statistical Regions	160.2	12.4	7.2	77.2	117.0	10.9	8.5	53.8	277.2	23.2	7.7	65.1
Fairfield-Liverpool Statistical Region	88.8	6.8	7.1	73.6	67.5	5.2	7.1	49.2	156.4	12.0	7.1	60.6
Central Western Sydney Statistical Region	73.8	5.4	6.8	68.1	56.1	2.3	4.0	50.0	129.9	7.7	5.6	59.0
Outer Western Sydney SR and Blacktown	168.1	8.3	4.7	77.8	119.9	7.7	6.1	57.0	288.1	16.0	5.3	67.4
Lower Northern Sydney Statistical Region	83.1	5.1	5.8	75.5	76.7	* 1.0	* 1.3	57.1	159.8	6.1	3.7	65.6
Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai SR and Baulkham Hills	122.4	4.8	3.7	79.6	101.4	3.2	3.0	62.6	223.8	7.9	3.4	70.9
Northern Beaches Statistical Region	72.2	* 2.1	* 2.9	78.5	64.5	* 2.1	* 3.1	61.7	136.7	4.2	3.0	69.6
Gosford-Wyong Statistical Region	72.3	5.2	6.7	66.9	46.6	3.9	7.7	43.3	118.9	9.0	7.1	55.1
Balance of New South Wales Major Statistical Region	580.9	45.4	7.2	66.9	446.5	42.7	8.7	51.1	1,027.4	88.1	7.9	59.0
Hunter Statistical Region	136.5	13.2	8.8	66.7	98.9	13.1	11.7	50.1	235.4	26.3	10.0	58.4
Newcastle Statistical Region Sector	114.4	10.9	8.7	67.3	84.1	11.6	12.1	50.9	198.5	22.5	10.2	59.1
Illawarra and South Eastern Statistical Regions(c)	155.9	10.4	6.3	66.5	119.3	9.7	7.5	50.9	275.1	20.1	6.8	58.6
Illawarra Statistical Region	112.1	9.0	7.4	67.4	77.5	5.2	6.3	48.0	189.6	14.2	7.0	57.9
Wollongong Statistical Region Sector	87.0	6.5	6.9	69.1	59.2	4.4	6.9	50.8	146.3	10.9	6.9	60.3
Richmond-Tweed and Mid-North Coast Statistical Regions	94.8	11.7	11.0	63.2	82.4	10.1	10.9	49.3	177.2	21.8	10.9	55.9
Northern, Far West-North Western and Central West Statistical Regions	119.0	5.1	4.1	67.8	85.4	7.6	8.2	50.4	204.5	12.8	5.9	59.1
Murray-Murrumbidgee Statistical Region	74.7	* 5.0	* 6.2	73.0	60.5	* 2.2	* 3.5	58.4	135.2	7.2	5.0	65.8

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					VICTORIA							
VICTORIA	1,326.6	87.7	6.2	73.8	1,023.4	73.5	6.7	55.2	2,350.0	161.2	6.4	64.3
Melbourne Major Statistical Region	983.6	66.3	6.3	74.8	761.5	59.8	7.3	56.2	1,745.0	126.1	6.7	65.3
Outer Western Melbourne Statistical Region	147.2	16.6	10.2	72.8	109.8	12.6	10.3	54.0	256.9	29.2	10.2	63.4
North Western Melbourne Statistical Region	69.8	7.3	9.5	74.7	55.8	7.5	11.9	58.1	125.6	14.8	10.5	66.1
Inner Melbourne Statistical Region	70.0	3.4	4.6	72.5	64.0	* 2.6	* 4.0	65.3	133.9	6.0	4.3	68.9
North Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	108.4	8.0	6.9	73.6	85.9	6.1	6.6	53.4	194.3	14.1	6.8	63.1
Inner Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	182.1	7.2	3.8	74.7	140.6	8.5	5.7	55.5	322.7	15.7	4.6	64.9
Southern Melbourne Statistical Region	109.7	6.2	5.4	74.9	89.1	6.4	6.7	55.3	198.8	12.6	6.0	64.6
Outer Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	136.5	8.0	5.5	81.8	102.7	6.7	6.1	64.1	239.2	14.6	5.8	73.1
South Eastern Melbourne Statistical Region	98.0	5.9	5.7	74.8	68.6	7.1	9.4	52.1	166.6	13.0	7.2	63.2
Mornington Peninsula Statistical Region	61.9	3.7	5.7	71.4	45.0	* 2.3	* 4.9	49.8	106.9	6.0	5.3	60.5
Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region	343.0	21.4	5.9	71.0	262.0	13.7	5.0	52.4	605.0	35.1	5.5	61.6
Barwon-Western District Statistical Region	99.7	6.8	6.4	73.5	77.0	* 4.0	* 4.9	53.9	176.7	10.7	5.7	63.5
Central Highlands-Wimmera Statistical Region	51.0	5.1	9.1	69.5	36.5	* 2.1	* 5.5	48.5	87.5	7.2	7.6	59.1
Loddon-Mallee Statistical Region	64.0	* 4.5	* 6.6	71.7	55.7	* 3.2	* 5.4	58.4	119.6	7.7	6.0	64.8
Goulburn-Ovens-Murray Statistical Region	78.1	* 3.3	* 4.1	72.2	57.3	* 2.1	* 3.5	52.5	135.4	5.4	3.8	62.3
All Gippsland Statistical Region	50.3	* 1.7	* 3.2	65.7	35.4	* 2.3	* 6.1	46.2	85.8	4.0	4.4	55.8
QUEENSLAND												
QUEENSLAND	969.2	88.1	8.3	74.2	775.3	64.6	7.7	57.7	1,744.5	152.7	8.0	65.8
Brisbane Major Statistical Region	444.3	43.2	8.9	74.9	368.0	29.6	7.5	58.6	812.3	72.8	8.2	66.5
Brisbane City Inner Ring Statistical Regions	103.6	8.4	7.5	74.4	98.2	9.5	8.8	63.4	201.8	17.9	8.1	68.6
Brisbane City Outer Ring Statistical Regions	135.0	11.6	7.9	75.2	110.7	7.2	6.1	58.2	245.7	18.9	7.1	66.5
South and East BSD Balance Statistical Regions	92.0	11.1	10.8	75.2	70.6	6.6	8.6	54.9	162.7	17.8	9.8	64.9
North and West BSD Balance Statistical Regions	113.6	12.0	9.5	74.8	88.5	6.3	6.7	57.1	202.0	18.3	8.3	66.0
Balance of Queensland Major Statistical Region	525.0	44.9	7.9	73.6	407.2	35.0	7.9	56.9	932.2	79.9	7.9	65.2
South and East Moreton Statistical Region	114.2	7.4	6.1	71.3	91.3	7.1	7.3	56.3	205.5	14.5	6.6	63.7
North and West Moreton Statistical Region	82.3	10.1	10.9	70.3	70.6	7.8	10.0	56.3	152.9	17.9	10.5	63.1
Wide Bay — Burnett Statistical Region	49.6	7.1	12.5	65.0	38.7	4.7	10.8	47.6	88.3	11.8	11.7	56.1
Darling Downs-South West Statistical Region	68.5	* 2.8	* 3.9	79.6	45.7	3.4	6.9	52.9	114.2	6.2	5.1	66.0
Mackay-Fitzroy-Central West Statistical Region	92.4	7.8	7.8	78.1	65.3	5.3	7.4	60.3	157.7	13.0	7.6	69.6
Northern-North West Statistical Region	58.8	5.3	8.3	76.2	45.9	4.9	9.7	63.1	104.7	10.2	8.9	69.8
Far North Statistical Region	59.1	4.5	7.1	77.0	49.7	* 1.7	* 3.4	63.3	108.8	6.2	5.4	70.2
Gold Coast City Parts A and B Statistical Region Sectors	120.0	8.1	6.3	71.3	93.9	7.6	7.5	56.4	213.8	15.8	6.9	63.9

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	Employed	Unemp-	Unemp-	Partici-	Employed	Unemp-	Unemp-	Employed	Unemp-	Unemp-	Partici-								
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA																			
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	381.7	32.0	7.7	69.5	309.9	20.2	6.1	53.2	691.7	52.2	7.0	61.2							
Adelaide Major Statistical Region	278.7	23.6	7.8	69.2	232.8	13.9	5.6	53.1	511.6	37.6	6.8	60.9							
Northern Adelaide Statistical Region	87.6	7.8	8.2	70.1	67.5	4.9	6.7	51.9	155.1	12.7	7.6	60.9							
Western Adelaide Statistical Region	50.4	5.0	9.0	63.2	43.5	2.7	5.8	50.3	93.9	7.7	7.6	56.6							
Eastern Adelaide Statistical Region	56.0	5.1	8.3	70.2	54.1	2.7	4.8	58.5	110.1	7.8	6.6	64.0							
Southern Adelaide Statistical Region	84.8	5.7	6.3	71.6	67.7	3.7	5.1	52.5	152.5	9.4	5.8	61.7							
Balance of South Australia Major Statistical Region	103.0	8.4	7.5	70.5	77.1	6.2	7.5	53.5	180.1	14.6	7.5	62.1							
Northern and Western SA Statistical Region	36.8	4.8	11.6	66.3	25.1	* 2.2	* 7.9	47.6	61.9	7.0	10.1	57.3							
Southern and Eastern SA Statistical Region	66.2	3.6	5.1	73.3	52.0	4.1	7.2	57.0	118.2	7.6	6.1	65.0							
WESTERN AUSTRALIA																			
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	542.0	37.4	6.5	76.1	418.5	23.8	5.4	58.1	960.5	61.2	6.0	67.1							
Perth Major Statistical Region	394.6	28.5	6.7	75.8	314.4	18.2	5.5	57.9	709.0	46.8	6.2	66.7							
Central Metropolitan Statistical Region	33.4	1.9	5.4	72.2	25.6	* 0.9	* 3.6	55.9	59.0	2.9	4.6	44.1							
East Metropolitan Statistical Region	62.5	5.6	8.2	73.8	49.7	3.3	6.3	56.5	112.2	8.9	7.3	65.1							
North Metropolitan Statistical Region	123.7	7.4	5.6	78.5	102.0	6.0	5.6	61.4	225.8	13.4	5.6	69.7							
South West Metropolitan Statistical Region	84.0	7.6	8.3	74.5	64.7	4.1	5.9	56.0	148.7	11.7	7.3	65.3							
South East Metropolitan Statistical Region	90.9	6.0	6.2	76.1	72.3	3.9	5.1	56.6	163.3	9.9	5.7	66.1							
Balance of Western Australia Major Statistical Region	147.4	8.9	5.7	77.2	104.1	5.6	5.1	58.8	251.5	14.5	5.4	68.3							
Lower Western WA Statistical Region	74.6	4.6	5.9	73.7	56.7	* 2.5	* 4.2	56.5	131.3	7.1	5.2	65.2							
Remainder — Balance WA Statistical Region	72.8	4.3	5.5	81.1	47.4	* 3.1	* 6.1	61.7	120.2	7.4	5.8	72.1							
TASMANIA																			
TASMANIA	111.8	11.9	9.6	68.3	90.4	6.8	7.0	50.7	202.2	18.7	8.5	59.2							
Greater Hobart-Southern Statistical Region Sector	52.5	5.4	9.3	66.7	44.9	3.5	7.2	52.1	97.3	8.8	8.3	59.1							
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	45.0	4.3	8.6	66.2	39.7	3.0	7.0	52.6	84.8	7.3	7.9	59.1							
Northern Statistical Region Sector	33.7	3.4	9.2	69.9	27.1	1.9	6.5	51.6	60.7	5.3	8.0	60.5							
Mersey-Lyell Statistical Region Sector	25.7	3.1	10.8	69.5	18.5	1.4	7.3	46.5	44.2	4.6	9.4	57.8							
NORTHERN TERRITORY																			
NORTHERN TERRITORY	55.1	5.0	8.3	81.0	43.8	3.2	6.8	68.5	98.8	8.2	7.6	75.0							
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN (NSW) STATISTICAL REGION																			
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AND SOUTH EASTERN STATISTICAL REGION(c)	133.7	6.3	4.5	73.4	123.6	6.8	5.2	63.1	257.3	13.1	4.8	68.1							
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY																			
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY	90.0	4.8	5.1	78.8	81.8	2.4	2.8	67.0	171.8	7.2	4.0	72.8							
AUSTRALIA																			
AUSTRALIA	5,216.3	376.5	6.7	73.1	4,098.1	285.0	6.5	55.7	9,314.4	661.5	6.6	64.3							

(a) As part of the redesign of Labour Force Survey sample, a number of changes have been made to Labour Force Statistical Regions. These changes may result in a break in series for some regions. See Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics (6262.0). (b) For definitions, and information about scope and standard errors of these estimates, see the latest issue of the monthly publication Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (c) Estimates for South Eastern SR are not published separately. Data for the South Eastern SR are included in the ACT & South Eastern SR and in the Illawarra & South Eastern SR.

TABLE 2. LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYMENT

Month	Long-term unemployment												Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment		
	Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104			Unemployed 104 weeks and over			Total								
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
ORIGINAL															
<i>2000 —</i>															
October	40.4	22.3	62.6	58.5	26.7	85.1	98.8	49.0	147.8	29.9	21.5	26.5			
November	34.7	23.0	57.7	56.6	25.1	81.7	91.2	48.1	139.4	26.6	20.6	24.1			
December	36.4	22.8	59.2	57.4	25.6	83.0	93.8	48.4	142.2	25.7	19.2	23.0			
<i>2001 —</i>															
January	39.3	22.0	61.3	54.4	20.8	75.2	93.7	42.8	136.5	23.9	16.7	21.1			
February	36.6	26.5	63.2	59.6	31.4	91.0	96.3	57.9	154.2	23.2	18.9	21.4			
March	38.9	25.5	64.4	52.2	29.3	81.5	91.1	54.8	145.9	23.7	18.8	21.6			
April	37.8	24.1	61.9	60.3	27.5	87.9	98.1	51.7	149.8	25.5	18.2	22.4			
May	40.0	24.0	63.9	58.4	27.8	86.2	98.4	51.7	150.2	25.8	17.8	22.4			
June	34.2	26.2	60.5	59.4	31.6	91.0	93.7	57.8	151.5	24.8	20.9	23.1			
July	34.1	22.6	56.6	55.2	28.6	83.8	89.3	51.2	140.4	24.4	20.3	22.7			
August	28.0	17.8	45.8	61.8	30.9	92.7	89.8	48.6	138.5	24.1	18.0	21.5			
September	33.3	23.1	56.4	67.3	28.9	96.2	100.6	52.0	152.6	25.4	18.8	22.7			
October	33.6	24.0	57.6	57.6	30.9	88.4	91.2	54.9	146.1	23.9	19.7	22.1			
November	33.1	22.7	55.9	55.5	27.7	83.2	88.7	50.4	139.1	23.9	19.5	22.1			
December	32.4	25.0	57.4	54.3	32.7	87.0	86.7	57.7	144.4	23.0	20.3	21.8			
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED															
<i>2000 —</i>															
October	39.1	24.1	63.2	57.6	25.6	83.2	96.7	49.7	146.5	27.7	20.9	24.9			
November	33.9	23.0	56.8	56.5	26.3	82.8	90.4	49.3	139.7	25.4	19.7	23.0			
December	36.9	22.5	59.4	57.0	26.0	83.0	93.9	48.5	142.5	26.0	19.1	23.2			
<i>2001 —</i>															
January	38.3	21.6	59.9	54.7	22.9	77.5	93.0	44.5	137.5	25.5	17.6	22.3			
February	35.9	22.4	58.3	54.0	28.5	82.5	89.9	50.9	140.9	23.7	19.2	21.8			
March	40.1	24.9	65.0	51.7	27.5	79.2	91.8	52.5	144.3	24.9	19.9	22.8			
April	39.2	25.2	64.5	62.5	26.8	89.3	101.7	52.0	153.7	26.0	18.6	22.9			
May	39.8	24.1	63.9	60.2	29.7	89.9	99.9	53.8	153.7	25.9	18.6	22.7			
June	35.3	30.2	65.6	63.2	33.5	96.7	98.5	63.7	162.3	25.0	22.2	23.8			
July	35.3	24.7	60.0	58.8	29.5	88.3	94.1	54.2	148.3	23.9	19.3	22.0			
August	28.1	17.6	45.7	64.0	31.9	95.9	92.1	49.5	141.6	24.0	17.4	21.2			
September	32.0	21.1	53.1	62.1	26.1	88.2	94.1	47.2	141.3	24.4	17.4	21.5			
October	32.5	26.1	58.6	56.8	29.8	86.5	89.2	55.9	145.1	22.1	19.1	20.8			
November	32.4	22.7	55.0	55.4	29.0	84.4	87.8	51.7	139.5	22.8	18.7	21.1			
December	32.9	24.7	57.6	53.9	33.3	87.1	86.8	58.0	144.8	23.4	20.1	21.9			
TREND SERIES															
<i>2000 —</i>															
October	35.3	22.0	57.4	57.4	26.6	84.0	92.7	48.6	141.4	26.5	20.1	23.9			
November	35.6	22.1	57.8	56.1	25.9	81.9	91.7	48.0	139.7	25.9	19.5	23.3			
December	36.4	22.3	58.8	55.2	25.5	80.7	91.7	47.8	139.5	25.5	19.1	22.9			
<i>2001 —</i>															
January	37.4	22.7	60.1	55.0	25.6	80.6	92.4	48.3	140.7	25.2	18.8	22.6			
February	38.4	23.4	61.8	55.3	26.3	81.7	93.7	49.8	143.5	25.1	18.9	22.5			
March	38.9	24.4	63.3	56.5	27.5	83.9	95.3	51.9	147.3	25.1	19.1	22.6			
April	38.6	25.2	63.8	58.2	28.7	86.9	96.8	53.9	150.7	25.2	19.4	22.8			
May	37.6	25.4	63.0	60.1	29.8	89.8	97.7	55.1	152.8	25.2	19.6	22.8			
June r	35.9	24.9	60.8	61.5	30.3	91.8	97.5	55.2	152.6	25.0	19.4	22.6			
July r	34.1	24.0	58.1	62.0	30.2	92.2	96.1	54.2	150.3	24.6	19.1	22.2			
August r	32.7	23.2	55.8	61.3	29.9	91.2	93.9	53.1	147.0	24.0	18.7	21.8			
September r	31.9	22.8	54.7	59.8	29.7	89.5	91.7	52.5	144.2	23.5	18.6	21.5			
October r	31.7	22.8	54.5	58.3	29.7	87.9	89.9	52.5	142.4	23.2	18.6	21.3			
November r	31.7	23.1	54.8	56.7	29.9	86.6	88.4	53.0	141.4	22.9	18.7	21.2			
December	32.1	23.3	55.4	55.1	30.2	85.3	87.2	53.5	140.7	22.8	18.9	21.1			

**TABLE 3. DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, STATES AND TERRITORIES, DECEMBER 2001**  
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State or Territory	Unemployed under 52 weeks	Long-term unemployed			Long-term unemployment as a proportion of total unemployment
		Unemployed 52 weeks and under 104	Unemployed 104 weeks and over	Total	
MALES					
New South Wales	82.1	9.2	18.1	27.4	25.0
Victoria	68.9	5.8	13.0	18.8	21.4
Queensland	70.5	7.8	9.8	17.6	19.9
South Australia	23.6	3.2	5.2	8.5	26.4
Western Australia	29.4	3.7	4.4	8.0	21.4
Tasmania	7.3	1.7	2.9	4.6	38.7
Northern Territory	4.4	* 0.3	* 0.2	* 0.5	* 11.0
Australian Capital Territory	3.5	* 0.7	* 0.6	1.3	27.8
<i>Australia</i>	<b>289.8</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>86.7</b>	<b>23.0</b>
FEMALES					
New South Wales	74.3	8.1	8.1	16.2	17.9
Victoria	57.2	6.5	9.8	16.3	22.1
Queensland	50.8	5.3	8.4	13.7	21.3
South Australia	15.1	* 1.4	3.7	5.1	25.2
Western Australia	20.3	* 2.4	* 1.1	3.5	14.8
Tasmania	4.8	* 0.7	1.3	2.0	29.7
Northern Territory	2.7	* 0.3	* 0.2	* 0.5	* 16.2
Australian Capital Territory	2.1	* 0.2	* 0.1	* 0.3	* 12.9
<i>Australia</i>	<b>227.3</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>32.7</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>20.3</b>
PERSONS					
New South Wales	156.5	17.4	26.2	43.6	21.8
Victoria	126.2	12.3	22.8	35.1	21.8
Queensland	121.4	13.1	18.2	31.3	20.5
South Australia	38.7	4.6	8.9	13.5	25.9
Western Australia	49.7	6.1	5.4	11.6	18.9
Tasmania	12.1	2.4	4.2	6.6	35.4
Northern Territory	7.1	* 0.7	* 0.4	1.1	13.0
Australian Capital Territory	5.5	* 0.9	* 0.8	1.6	22.8
<i>Australia</i>	<b>517.0</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>144.4</b>	<b>21.8</b>

## NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

**1** This report contains selected final labour force estimates derived from the Labour Force Survey component of the Monthly Population Survey. More detailed estimates will be published in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0), due for release at the end of the month.

### REGIONAL ESTIMATES

**2** This report contains original (unadjusted) estimates of employed persons and unemployed persons for Labour Force Statistical Regions. Historically, these series have shown a high degree of variability which is inherent in data from the Labour Force Survey relating to small labour markets. Care should therefore be taken in the interpretation of regional estimates, particularly in month to month movements.

**3** The Labour Force Survey is designed primarily to produce reliable National and State estimates. While estimates for regions are components of corresponding estimates at the State level, independent population benchmarks are not applied at the Statistical Region level. Therefore, while Statistical Region estimates will add to the State total, they will show less stability estimates (particularly estimates of unemployment), being considerably lower than State estimates, are subject to higher relative standard errors.

**4** Regional boundaries are regularly changed to adhere to the boundaries defined in the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC). These changes are made every 5 years, with the most recent changes being effective from September 1997. Further details about changes to dissemination regions can be found in *Information Paper: Regional Labour Force Statistics* (Cat. no. 6262.0).

### INDUSTRY

**5** From August 1994, Labour Force Survey industry data are classified according to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), a detailed description of which appears in *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 1993* (Cat. no. 1292.0). ANZSIC classifies businesses according to their economic activities in a structure consisting of 4 levels (Division, Subdivision, Group and Class). Labour Force Survey data are coded to the Group level.

### STANDARD ERRORS

**6** Standard errors of the can be determined by using the methods described in the Technical Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). Statistical Region standard errors are available upon request from Mark Webb on Canberra 02 6252 6525.

**7** Very small estimates are subject to high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) which can detract seriously from their value for most general uses. Where estimates and percentages have relative standard errors greater than 25%, they have been identified by an asterisk (e.g. \*1.0) to indicate that they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.

### SYMBOLS

- \* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses.
- r revised. For trend estimates, the most recent estimates are provisional and subject to revision.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

**8** For further explanatory information about statistics in this report, please refer to the Explanatory Notes and Technical Notes from *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0).

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